

FYI

FOR YOUR INFORMATION by Mayor Julia Mosley

Call 301-773-7891 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.

Recent Robberies and Burglaries

In the July Newsletter, Chief Robshaw reported that crime in Cheverly was down for 2006 with robberies down 10%, carjacking down 33%, assaults 27%, burglaries 5% and one of our more stubborn crimes, stolen autos down 72%. Cheverly's crime rate has always been and remains low, very low for the region, but that is little consolation to the victim of a crime. All this is good news but we have been concerned about a rise in a certain type of street robbery and very recently some night time burglaries.

Burglaries. Cheverly has never been immune to burglaries and over the years they have tended to happen in waves. I remember being concerned just after moving to town 30+ years ago when there was just such a wave of burglaries on the west side of Town, as it turned out, perpetrated by juveniles. Several times in the past ten years we have had incidents of multiple homes' doors being kicked in and homes burglarized. Most, not all, but most of the burglaries over the years have been in the daytime, generally between 10AM and 3PM in the afternoon with no one home. Recently however, we have seen some night time break-ins when it was obvious that people were at home. On a recent weekend, 5 homes were burglarized in the middle of the night while the residents were at home. Several days later, a resident surprised burglars just outside her back door and was pushed to the ground before a neighbor came to her aid. For Cheverly, this is unusual and the Police, Town Council and I are concerned---this is not business as usual.

The Council and I met with Chief Robshaw and Lt. Frohlich in emergency closed session to discuss their efforts and the on-going investigation. I can't reveal particulars of their investigation, but I can say they are following up on some solid information and are working around the clock. If any resident has any information, even if they think that it is unimportant or trivial, please call our police at 773-8362 or in an emergency, 911.

I also want to say that residents can help in other ways too. While we all want to conserve energy, leave a front and back porch light on all night and a low light on inside on the first floor of your home. Don't leave unchained ladders lying around your yard or under an open carport. Please, please close and lock all doors and windows when you leave your home and especially

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LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, Sept. 4



Offices Closed—No Trash Pickup

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

**for Clarence Sollers
before the October 12th
Town Meeting
7:00PM
Cake and refreshments**



The FALL FLEA MARKET

sponsored by the Recreation Council, will be held on Saturday, **October 14th from 9:00AM to 2:00PM** at the Community Center. Tables are \$15 and reservations start on Thursday, September 4th.

Call Barbara at 301-773-5883.

The Flea Market is very popular and tables go fast, so make reservations early.

There will be plenty of bargains, good food and fresh baked goods for sale. See you Saturday, October 14th, rain or shine, event is indoors! *B. Pejokovich*



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when you go to bed at night. Of the 5 homes burglarized 2 weekends ago, 4 had no forced entry---some doors were unlocked or easy access ground floor windows were left open This has been true of a number of break-ins in the past 6 months as well. Our police will do a home safety inspection and advise homeowners how to make their home less likely to be burglarized, just call and set up an appointment. If you are away on vacation, arrange with a neighbor to have a key and watch your home and call the Cheverly Police to put it on their special watch schedule.

I have been asked, as has Chief, if the Town has cut back on patrols in Town because of the rise in gas prices. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Chief has been authorized for some time now to use any overtime he feels necessary to get the job done and to come to the Council for any additional resources he might need. Patrols are constant and I have never seen so any hours logged on patrols as in the past year. We are at full staff in the police department but 2 of the officers are not yet on street duty. At the emergency meeting with the Chief, the Council authorized him to exceed the authorized strength temporarily by 1 full time officer due to special circumstances. The special circumstances are that 2 recently hired officers are attending the Police Academy and will not be available for street duty in the Town until January. We wanted the Chief to be able to hire an additional officer immediately.

Street robberies. Just as we have seen in the news with the robberies on the National Mall and all other jurisdictions in Maryland and Virginia, we are concerned about street robberies including robberies where a weapon is shown or a weapon is implied but not shown. This has been particularly true with people walking home from Metro, usually but not always at night and in the apartments. Until this month robberies and assaults were down but we have had a recent increase in the last 1 ½ months. Several weeks ago there were 9 robberies on one weekend in the apartments and commercial area. Our police responded quickly and most of these have been closed with an arrest and a warrant for another individual. The disheartening thing about these robberies is that Cheverly police had arrested one of these juvenile robbers previously, only to find that he had been mistakenly released from custody. The police apprehended 2 other individuals who robbed or attempted to rob residents walking home from Metro. Again, the police have been making arrests and patrols have been stepped up.

I do not report this to alarm residents or make people feel unsafe. However we are a small town and it is always better for residents to be informed, take proper precautions and discourage misinformation. We are concerned and the police are responding quickly and professionally. Again, please call our police if you have any information that may be of help to solve these remaining crimes.

On a more positive public safety note, our police have



County Councilmember David Harrington was at the August town meeting to make an official presentation of the \$150,000 Prince George's County Grant toward the construction of the Police Department to Chief "Buddy" Robshaw.

installed on-board mobile data terminals (MDT's), in-car computers, in 9 of our police cruisers and momentarily, all of our officers will have completed training and be certified in their use. These MDT's will allow calls that Cheverly residents make to Police Communications, but are delayed in dispatch from the County because of more serious crime elsewhere, to be sent to our officers via these in-car computers. This is a very important tool for our police to respond to suspicious behavior or non-violent crimes as all 911 calls are dispatched through the County dispatch.

For example, several months ago my neighbors observed individuals in a car "casing" the neighbor's parked car. They did exactly what they were supposed to do and called 911. Sure enough, the thieves broke into the car and drove off but not before my neighbors got the license plate of the car. They were understandably upset when it was almost an hour before our Cheverly officer responded. Because of more serious crime elsewhere in the Hyattsville District, the dispatch to our police was delayed almost an hour and even though he responded within minutes, it was too late. Every call to the County Police Dispatcher is entered immediately into their computer but the calls are understandably dispatched according to the seriousness of the crime. Our officers will now see all calls in Cheverly even if they have not yet been dispatched. This is an important tool in a small town like Cheverly where most of our crime is not as serious as elsewhere in the County and neighbors do watch out for suspicious activity. I do want to report that when the Cheverly resident surprised the burglars in her home, called 911, the County dispatched the call *immediately* and the resident said our officer was at her door within "moments".

I had planned to write about other things going on in Town including an encouraging meeting the Council and I had with representatives from Metro concerning development around the Cheverly Metro station, imminent repairs to the Kenilworth Avenue bridge and surrounding lighting and the Route 450 Development which is proceeding nicely---but next month.

October Town Meeting: Paper Ballots or Machines for

Town Elections

At the October 12th Town Meeting, the Council will be discussing whether paper ballots or voting machines should be used for the Town elections next May. The Cheverly Board of Election Supervisors actually makes this decision and we expect that they will be making a report to the Council. For many years, certainly as far back as I can remember, the Town has used the handle lever mechanical voting machines. These machines are not the computerized touch screen machines and unlike many computerized machines, they do have a paper trail. In the last election, the Election Supervisors chose to use paper ballots, but a question has arisen as to whether our regulations *require* the use of voting machines. In addition to hearing from the Election Board we will also hear from our Town Attorney.

Public Works Supervisor Clarence Sollers Retires

After 40 years of dedicated service to the Town of Cheverly, Public Works Supervisor Clarence Sollers retired this summer. Clarence started his career here in Town October 6, 1965 and has held positions as Crew Leader, Foreman and finally Supervisor (and unofficial right hand to Public Works Director Juan Torres). Last October, the Mayor and Council honored Clarence with a Proclamation declaring October 6th, 2005 as *Clarence Sollers Day in Cheverly*. This Spring at Cheverly Day, Clarence received the Jack L. Wheat award given to a volunteer or Town employee for outstanding service to the Town.

The Town staff and the Public Works Department held a celebration in honor of his many years of exemplarily service and retirement. However the Council and I wanted to have a small reception prior to the October 12th Town Meeting so the Council and residents of the Town could also say “thank you” for making Cheverly a wonderful place to live. So come to the Community Center at 7 PM, enjoy some cake, talk to staff and members of the Council and say hello, thank you and congratulations to Clarence.



Cheverly RECREATION COUNCIL The first meeting for the planning year will be Tuesday, **September 26th at 7:00PM** in the conference room at the Community Center. It's a general meeting, everyone is welcome and bring some new ideas. Topics of discussion will be the Fall Flea Market and the summer playground. *B. Pejokovich*

M-NCPPC CLASSES, sponsored by the Cheverly Recreation Council, and held in the Community Center Gym:

JAZZERCISE is set to music for a great Cardio workout. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:00-8:00PM. The first class begins on September 18th and there will be 8 classes meeting twice a week for 4 weeks. This will be an ongoing class, and the next session will start on November 24th. Cost is \$32 for Prince George's residents, \$38 for non-residents.

KARATE by TKA Karate is a form of Self-Discipline and promotes self-confidence along with self-control. Classes will be held on Monday nights from 8-9:30PM and will start on September 18th. The cost is \$50 for Prince George's County residents, \$60 for non-residents.

Contact M-NCPPC for further details and registration.
www.pgpc.com 301-445-4500.

CPRC Cheverly Parents Resource has lots of big plans for the coming year! The weekend of September 2-4, we'll have a potluck and camping trip at Watkins Park – please e-mail camping@cheverlyparent.org for more information. We're planning to have a table at the Cheverly Flea Market, and bobbing for apples at our annual playgroup Halloween party in October. December brings our annual caroling party. This year, CPRC will produce its' first kid-friendly community cookbook – keep an eye out for that around the holidays! In 2007, we look forward to the (nearly) annual Day of Indulgence for Moms, more camping trips and potlucks, holiday events and Cheverly Day. Of course, we'll continue to deliver welcome baskets to new families and new babies in town, and to hold our bi-weekly playgroup sessions.

Playgroup resumes its school year schedule Tuesday, September 5. We meet 10:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays at Gast “Tot” Park in good weather, or at the Community Center in cooler, inclement weather. For more information, please e-mail playgroup@cheverlyparent.org.

Our next planning meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, at 10:00am (e-mail lead coordinator Chelsea Maxwell – coordinator@cheverlyparent.org – for more details). We'd love to have more Cheverly parents join us and

share ideas for continuing to make Cheverly a great place for Children and their families.

Interested in learning more or joining CPRC? We welcome all Cheverly families with young children to participate! To get the most up-to-date information regarding CPRC and our activities, please visit our website at <http://www.cheverlyparent.org>, or e-mail us at communications@cheverlyparent.org for more information on joining our listservs.

The Natives Are Coming! Friends of Lower Beavertown will be installing native plants in Woodworth Park (corner of Wayne Place and Cheverly Park Dr.) come October. We need volunteers to pull out invasive plants to make room for the natives. If you can help, **contact Ena Ward at 301-322-8686 or enaward@comcast.net**. Also, look for the signs we'll put up about our Saturday work sessions throughout the year. *Even an hour of your time could make a great difference!* Cathy Smith

Modeling while earning Community Service Credit Earthen Vessels Foundation, a non-profit organization which supports the financial needs of children with life threatening illnesses, will be sponsoring an upcoming Fashion Show Fundraiser on December 28, 2006 at 7:00PM in Prince George's County. Proceeds from this event will go to the HSC Pediatric Center in Washington, DC and to a memorial scholarship fund for students interested in pursuing a degree in computer graphics.

We are seeking ladies and gentlemen between the ages of 5-21 to participate in the fashion show as models, fashion assistants, choreographers, artists, singers, or make up/hair consultants. Rehearsals will begin September 23 at 1:00PM at Cheverly Town Park Pavilion. All interested are invited to attend. You will be taught to model while earning credit toward community service hours by assisting in the fundraiser fashion show. Send questions or requests for a registration application to: marilyn-davy@earthenvesselsfoundation.org or by calling Marilyn Davy at 301-675-9445. M. Davy

Singer to perform at SIDS Charity Walk on Sun, Sept. 10 Walk for charity at the CJ Fdn/Wawa Food Markets SIDS Walk on **Sunday, Sept. 10** (rain or shine) at Buddy Attick Park in Greenbelt. Registration begins at 8:15 am, with most walkers starting at 9, but walkers can start anytime between 8:15 and 11 am. A light breakfast will be served and a magic-making clown will be available to make balloons for and face-paint the kids. From 10-11:30am., LA-based singer/songwriter/pianist **Rob Gonzalez will perform**. Registration and t-shirts are free, but tax-deductible donations are appreci-

ated. **Free Karaoke/Pizza Party to Kids Helping the Charity**

Kids who raise \$20 or more for SIDS by Sept. 9 are rewarded with a free ticket to a karaoke/pizza party hosted by actress Gabrielle Christian (Horchler) at the Cheverly United Methodist Church from 6 to 10:30 pm on Saturday, Sept. 9 on a first-come, first-served basis. Cheverly residents and founder of SIDS Educational Services, Joani and Gabe Horchler lost their only son, Christian, to SIDS in 1991. For more information, email Joani at sidses@aol.com or call her at 301-322-2620. J. Horchler

Volunteers Needed at the Library The New Carrollton Branch of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System is starting a conversation club to assist people learning to speak English as a second language. Staff members are excited about providing community residents with a friendly place to practice speaking English. We are looking for adult volunteers to assist us one evening a week from 7 - 8:30 pm. Our first meeting is planned for Thursday, September 28th at 7 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, **please contact Arlene Ogurick or Kathy Kirchoefer at 301-459-6900**.

Maryland Health→Go Local The University of Maryland has developed a health information resource for the citizens of Maryland. Maryland Health→Go Local (www.medlineplus.gov/maryland) is a web-based resource guide linking the public to local health services. Developed as a partnership between the University's Health Sciences & Human Services Library, and the National Institutes of Health's National Library of Medicine, **Maryland Health→Go Local** provides information on over 700 health topics. Maryland residents can learn about a specific health condition and link directly to support services in their local communities. **Maryland Health→Go Local** links to information for hospitals, nursing homes, support groups, adult day care, hospice care, substance abuse treatment, physicians, health screening providers and much more.

There will be a demonstration of the website at the launch event for this area on October 3, 2006 at the Montgomery County Public Library-Wheaton, 11701 Georgia Ave, Wheaton.

SEPT. YARD SALES in Cheverly:

Sept 9	3120 Cheverly Ave.	(9am-2pm)
Sept 23	3011 Cheverly Ave.	(10am-2pm)
Sept 30	3205 Tremont	(8am-2pm)

NOTE: When you get an authorized directional sign for Cheverly Avenue, the Town will list your yard sale in the Newsletter. *(The deadline is the 20th of the preceding month.)*



Cheverly resident Lavinia Derr pictured above with actor Don Cheadle. Ms. Derr was cast in a movie being made in DC recently called **Talk to Me**. The movie depicts the life of WOL Disc Jockey Ralph "Petey" Green.

RECYCLE AND RE-USE Residents, quite often we throw away items that others can use. Instead of placing usable materials out in the trash, consider **"Community Forklift"**. You can donate cabinets, lumber, trim, flooring, plumbing, paint, bricks, stone, glass, doors, windows, lighting, appliances, insulation, landscaping and green products. Over half of solid waste is construction material and demolition debris. Choosing to recycle saves energy, reduces waste, and creates jobs. If you have any items to donate, contact **"Community Forklift" at 301-985-5180**. They are located in the Hyattsville area at 4671 Tangle Drive, Edmonston.

Need help with YARD WORK?

To assist our elderly, and other residents who need help with yard work, Cheverly maintains this list of teenagers who are interested in being hired for mowing lawns, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc.



301-583-8647	DeVILLAFRANCA, Glen (17) and
301-322-8053	BIBBINS, Immanuel (17)
301-322-4845	ROBINSON, Allan (17)
301-583-1028	FISHER, Brandon (17)
443-995-4698	CULLEN, Ben (17)
301-341-5539	GIBSON, Blake (16) and
301-773-4813	DOAN, Leonard (17)
301-341-5275	KURTZ, Mike (17)
301-773-4650	RUDDY, William (16)
301-772-6028	PRIEST, Andrew (13)
301-322-2196	AMARA, Patrick
301-773-5465	ILOCHONWU, Obinna

Cheverly teenagers can call the town office at 773-8360 if they wish to add their names to this list.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Town Meeting - August 10, 2006

- ☒ CM Oslik moved to excuse CM Ford. CM Watson seconded.

Special Meeting - August 19, 2006

- ☒ CM Ford moved to close meeting to consult with the Police Chief and staff concerning ongoing investigations. CM Oslik seconded. Passed 4-0, CMs Hofmann and Oladele absent.
- ☒ CM Watson moved to open meeting. CM Ford seconded. Passed 4-0, CMs Hofmann and Oladele absent.
- ☒ CM Watson moved to authorize the Chief of Police to exceed authorized strength of Police Dept. temporarily by one (1) full-time officer due to special circumstances (Two recently hired recruits are attending the police academy and will not be available for active duty in Town until January 2007. CM Schachter seconded. Passed 4-0, CMs Hofmann and Oladele absent

Worksession— August 24, 2006

- ☒ CM Oslik moved that the Blue Star Memorial marker be installed at the intersection of Cheverly Avenue and Arbor Street as recommended by the Garden Club and reviewed and approved by the Director of Public Works. CM Hofmann seconded.

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Town Meeting - September 14, 2006

- ☐ Presentation—Peace Park.
- ☐ Authorization to Award Bid-2007 Roadway Projects.

Worksession— September 28, 2006

- ☐ Discussion-Paper Ballots for 2007 Election.
- ☐ Renewal of Lobbyist Contract.
- ☐ Discussion-Code Revisions-Chapter 8.
- ☐ Discussion-Howard Johnson Inn.
- ☐ Discussion-Email and Website.
- ☐ Discussion-Pandemic Flu Preparedness.
- ☐ Benton St. streetlight.

Meeting Agendas are updated on website: www.cheverly-md.gov and on Cheverly cable channel 71.

Town Meeting broadcast LIVE on Cable 71. Re-broadcast on Tuesdays & Wednesdays at Noon and 6:00PM.

M.R.P.A. reduced price tickets available at the Town Office. **CASH ONLY**—, and come before 4:30PM to purchase tickets.

KING'S DOMINION *

Fall Fun Days (Sep 1-4, 9-10, 16-17, Oct 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29).....Gate Price \$49.99MRPA \$25.50

SIX FLAGS-AMERICA **

Special Days (Sept. & Oct.)..... \$49.99 \$25.00

* Age 2 and under FREE ** Age 3 and under FREE

Meetings & Events

Mon	Sep 4	LABOR DAY - Offices closed-No Trash Pickup
Tue	Sep 5	8:00PM Boys & Girls Club Exec. Board
Thu	Sep 7	7:00PM WORKSESSION (optional)
Mon	Sep 11	7:00PM Planning Board
Tue	Sep 12	7:30PM Cheverly Day Comm
Thu	Sep 14	8:00PM TOWN MEETING
		7:00PM Building Usage Meeting
Mon	Sep 18	7:00PM 4 th Ward Civic Assn
Tue	Sep 19	8:00PM Boys & Girls Club Board
Thu	Sep 21	7:00PM Swim Club
Mon	Sep 25	7:30PM Homemakers Club
Tue	Sep 26	7:30PM Metro Task Force
Thu	Sep 28	8:00PM WORKSESSION
		7:30PM Woman's Club
Mon	Oct 2	7:00PM C-PACT Police & Citizens Together
Tue	Oct 3	8:00PM Boys & Girls Club Exec. Board
Thu	Oct 5	7:00PM WORKSESSION (optional)
Mon	Oct 9	COLUMBUS DAY -Offices closed - No Trash Pickup
Tue	Oct 10	7:30PM Cheverly Day Comm
Thu	Oct 12	8:00PM TOWN MEETING
Sat	Oct 14	9-2PM FLEA MARKET

CPRC playgroup meets in the Gym on **Tue.&Fri.** (10:30am-12:30pm) when temperatures are under 65°. Cancelled when the building is closed or an event or work is scheduled.

Recreation Council sponsored MNCPPC classes held at the Community Center Gym:

- **Karate** on Monday evening
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Call 301-445-4500 for info (or) www.pgparcs.com.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON	Town Wide	YARD WASTE
MON	East side	Regular Garbage Pickup only
TUE	West side	Regular Garbage Pickup only
WED	Town wide	RECYCLING (blue & yellow bins)
THU	East side	Garbage & <u>SPECIAL TRASH</u> (at curb)
FRI	West side	Garbage & <u>SPECIAL TRASH</u> (at curb)



Residents should not leave trash at the curb except after 7:00PM the day before your pickup.

HOLIDAYS? Public Works crews **DO NOT** work on holidays. Collections on holidays are **CANCELLED**.

CHEVERLY COVERLETS —\$30.00

100% cotton, 2½ layers, measures approx. 48"x68". The design captures the history and spirit of Cheverly with the depiction of various sites throughout town.



CHEVERLY FLAGS —

\$50.00 at Town Hall.

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The Town of Cheverly does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability. If you are a person with a disability (vision, hearing, or speech impairment) and wish to participate in Town activities or programs, please contact the Town Office at 773-8360 (voice), or the Maryland Relay System at 1-800-735-2258.

Mayor:	Julia Mosley	301-773-7891
Ward 1:	Stephen Hofmann	301-322-3372
Ward 2:	Micah Watson	301-322-8482
Ward 3:	Norman Oslik	301-322-5272
Ward 4:	Leon Schachter	301-772-6244
Ward 5:	Gbola Oladele	301-772-8343
Ward 6:	Vincent L. Ford	301-341-0810

Email contact links at the website

Town Offices: (Mon-Fri, 9AM-5PM)

Administration	301-773-8360
Police Admin & Code Enforcement	301-773-8362
Public Works (M-F: 7:30-4)	301-773-2666
(TDD)	301-773-8363
FAX	301-773-0173

If you need a Police Officer call: 301-333-4000

WEB SITE: www.cheverly-md.gov

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